R With Git and Github

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Setup



Install Git

Git allows us to track changes to our documents (i.e. Git is version control).

- Check if git is already installed: which git
- Install git for Windows: https://gitforwindows.org/
- Install git for Mac: brew install git
- Install git for Linux:
 - Ubuntu or Debian: sudo apt-get install git
 - Fedora or RedHat: sudo yum install git

Configure Git

• Introduce yourself to git

• Ensure setup was successful

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git config --global --list
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Managing Git(Hub) Credentials¹

- Adopt HTTPS
- Secure your account with 2FA
- Create a PAT: usethis::create_github_token()
- Store PAT into the Git credential store: gitcreds::gitcreds_set()

¹Following the usethis guide

Git Basics

Stage & Commit

- We can create and edit files within our project
- We can then stage and commit these changes

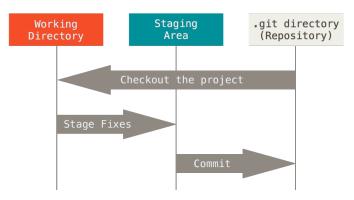


Figure 1: Git Workflow

Diff

 We can look at the set of differences between files to see what has changed

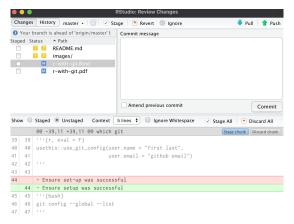


Figure 2: Example Diff

Commit Best Practices

Each commit should be:

- Minimal: A commit should only contain changes related to a single problem or feature
- Complete: A commit should add the functionality it claims to add
- Concise, yet evocative: At a glance, you should be able to understand what a commit does, but you should include enough detail so you can remember what was done

Time Travel

- Can look at old commits and access old code
- Can use your git client or Github
- Can revert back to a previous commit

Pull & Push Changes

- Pulling changes from Github allows us to access stored changes
- Pushing changes stores changes on Github

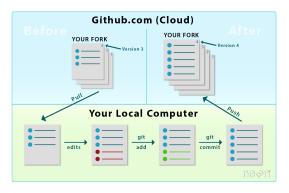


Figure 3: Accessing the Cloud

Exercise: Use Git

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Make a RStudio Project and Connect to Github

- Create a project: usethis::create_project(path)
- Use git: usethis::use_git()
- Connect a Github repo: usethis::use_github()

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Commit & Push

- Make a .Rmd file and edit it
- Commit your change
- Make another change and commit it
- Push your changes

Working With Others

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Overview

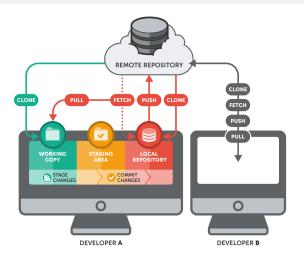


Figure 4: Multiple Developers

Fork & Clone

- Developer A makes a repo
- Developer B wants to make some changes
- Developed B forks and clones the repo:

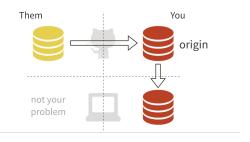


Figure 5: Fork and Clone

Branches

- Developer B makes a new branch to develop a new feature
- Allows Developer A to continue working on the main stream of development
- Developers A and B can work in parallel

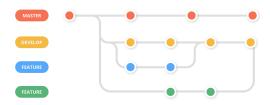


Figure 6: Branches

Pull Requests

- Developer B initiates a pull request (PR) asking Developer A to incorporate changes
- Developer A reviews the PR
- Developer A makes or requests changes
- Developer A merges the PR



Figure 7: Pull Request Workflow

In Practice

Contributor:

- Fork and clone: usethis::create_from_github("OWNER/REPO")
- Create a branch: usethis::pr_init(branch)
- Push changes: usethis::pr_push()

Developer:

- Download a PR: usethis::pr_fetch()
- Push changes to branch: usethis::pr_push()
- Merge the PR on Github
- Delete the branch: usethis::pr_finish()

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- Fork and clone this repo:
 usethis::create_from_github("arisp99/r-with-git")
- Create a branch: usethis::pr_init("USERNAME-fun-fact")
- Add a geography fun fact and picture to the presentation!
- Push your changes: usethis::pr push()

Geography Fun Facts!

Greece

• The world's oldest weather station is at the base of the Acropolis



Figure 8: The Acropolis

Country

• Add your fun fact and image here!